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Screens and social media in focus when Nordic Council of Ministers for Health and Social Affairs met in Stockholm

24 April 2024

Attending the meeting on 17 April were health and social ministers from Finland, Denmark, Norway, Iceland, the Faroe Islands and Åland, together with the Nordic Council of Ministers' Secretary General and Secretariat.

Photo: Ninni Andersson/Government offices

Minister for Social Affairs Jakob Forssmed hosted the meeting, which was under the auspices of the Swedish Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers.

Photo: Boris Vasic/Government offices

Screen time's impact on the health of children and young people was on the agenda when ministers from across the Nordic region met in Stockholm on 17 April. Minister for Social Affairs Jakob Forssmed hosted the meeting, which was under the auspices of the Swedish Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers. The Council of Ministers also discussed how Nordic cooperation against antimicrobial resistance can be strengthened.

· Article: Screens and social media in focus when Nordic Council of Ministers for Health and Social Affairs met in Stockholm

Deputy Secretary for Health and Human Services, Andrea Palm, and Minister for Health Care, Acko Ankarberg Johansson, signing the agreement. Joel Apelthun/Government Offices of Sweden

Agreement with United States promotes cancer research

Sweden and the US have entered into a bilateral cooperation agreement on cancer research and care. The agreement builds on the cooperation agreement that the two countries concluded in 2016 with the aim of accelerating research results through increased exchange.

· Press release: Agreement with United States promotes cancer research

During the conference, the three ministers – Ukraine's Minister of Healthcare Viktor Liashko and Sweden's Minister for Health Care Acko Ankarberg Johansson and Minister for Health and Social Affairs Jakob Forssmed – signed a memorandum ofunderstanding between Sweden and Ukraine. Photo: Magnus Liljegren/Government offices of Sweden

Key health and medical care actors gathered at conference on support to Ukraine

The will to support Ukraine is strong among Swedish health and medical care actors from both the public and private sectors. The Ministry of Health and Social Affairs and Swecare held a Conference on Support to the Recovery and Development of Health Care in Ukraine on 1 December to harness this engagement and discuss how Swedish support can be put to best use.

Article: Key health and medical care actors gathered at conference on support to Ukraine

During the UN General Assembly, Minister for Health Care Acko Ankarberg Johansson took part in high-level and bilateral meetings with Malta, Rwanda, Estonia and other countries. Photo: Joel Apelthun/Government offices

Rare diseases and cancer care in focus during health care minister's visit to New York

Minister for Health Care Acko Ankarberg Johansson took part in the 78th Session of the UN General Assembly in New York. Among her various activities during the meeting, Ms Ankarberg Johansson took part in a panel discussion on rare diseases, sponsored by Sweden and Spain together with the organisation Rare Diseases International

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The Government's new reform agenda, 'Development assistance for a new era – freedom, empowerment and sustainable growth', has a particular focus on improved health for the most vulnerable people. Initiatives are needed to improve prospects of good health, ensure functioning health and medical care systems, and strengthen preparedness, in order to better address health threats at global level. Sweden has an important role to play in these efforts.

Published 09 July 2024 · Press release from Jakob Forssmed, Johan Forssell, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

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Published 18 March 2024 - Press release from Acko Ankarberg Johansson, Mats Persson, Ministry of Education and Research, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Ministerial statement on proposed EU Pharmaceutical Legislation

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Published 08 March 2024 · Statement from Acko Ankarberg Johansson, Ebba Busch, Ministry of Climate and Enterprise, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

This is the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Brochure in pdf format that presents the Department of Social Affairs' areas of responsibility, organization and management.

Published 07 February 2024 · Information material from Acko Ankarberg Johansson, Anna Tenje, Camilla Waltersson Grönvall, Jakob Forssmed, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

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Published 12 December 2023 · Article from Acko Ankarberg Johansson, Jakob Forssmed, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Updated Swedish strategy to combat antibiotic resistance

The Swedish Government has adopted an updated strategy to combat antibiotic resistance (AMR). The overarching goal continues to be preserving the possibility of effective treatment of bacterial infections in humans and animals. The strategy will apply until the end of 2025.

Published 27 April 2020 · Updated 30 November 2023 · Article from Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Climate and Enterprise, Ministry of Education and Research, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Ministry of Rural Affairs and Infrastructure

Conference with key health and medical care actors to strengthen support to Ukraine

On 1 December, Minister for Health Care Acko Ankarberg Johansson and Minister for Health and Social Affairs Jakob Forssmed will co-host a conference to discuss Sweden's support to Ukraine's health and medical care system. The conference, which will convene both public and private sector actors, aims especially to outline how Ukraine's health care system can be rebuilt, strengthened and modernised.

Published 30 November 2023 · Article from Acko Ankarberg Johansson, Jakob Forssmed, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

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Published 29 September 2023 · Article from Acko Ankarberg Johansson, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Sweden's development assistance for health 2022

Sweden's development assistance for health amounted to approximately SEK 6 billion in 2022. This report focuses on the contributions Sweden's development assistance for health has made in four key areas, including sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), and prevention and management of health threats.

Published 25 September 2023 · Report from Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Life sciences conference in era of personalised medicine

On 26–27 June, Europe's key stakeholders in the life sciences sector will gather to highlight the importance of research and innovation in personalised medicine. The conference, organised within the framework of the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU, will be live-streamed.

Published 22 June 2023 - Press release from Ebba Busch, Jakob Forssmed, Johan Pehrson, Ministry of Climate and Enterprise, Ministry of Education and Research, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Jakob Forssmed takes part in EPSCO in Luxembourg

On Tuesday 13 June, Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health Jakob Forssmed will chair the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council (EPSCO) in Luxembourg.

Published 12 June 2023 · Press release from Jakob Forssmed, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Minister for Health Care raised important health care issues for the EU at World Health Assembly

The theme of this year's World Health Assembly (WHA) was the World Health Organization (WHO) at 75 and the work it does. Representing the EU and its Member States, Minister for Health Care Acko Ankarberg Johansson took part on the first two days (21–22 May).

Published 30 May 2023 · Article from Acko Ankarberg Johansson, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

National Board of Health and Welfare to assess possibility of donating medical equipment and supplies to disaster-affected or war-torn areas

In response to requests – mainly from Türkiye and Syria – for support to foreign disaster-affected or war-torn areas, the Government has tasked the National Board of Health and Welfare with assessing the possibilities of providing assistance. The agency should examine what medical equipment or materials, or other supplies, may be needed to provide care, and can be donated from available stock or Sweden's regions after all domestic needs have been met. The Government is allocating SEK 45 million for this purpose.

Published 22 February 2023 · Press release from Acko Ankarberg Johansson, Johan Forssell, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health appointed member of the Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance

Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health Jakob Forssmed has been appointed member of the Global Leaders Group (GLG) on Antimicrobial Resistance. The GLG comprises world leaders and experts working together to accelerate action on antimicrobial resistance.

Published 07 February 2023 · Press release from Jakob Forssmed, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health Jakob Forssmed to attend Third Global High-level Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance

Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health Jakob Forssmed will attend the Third Global High-level Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance in Muscat, Oman, on 24–25 November 2022.

Published 23 November 2022 · Press release from Jakob Forssmed, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Jakob Forssmed on the World Antimicrobial Awareness Week

November 18 - 24 is World Antimicrobial Awareness Week, when the issue of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is brought to the attention of the world. Sweden has long worked to slow down the emergence and spread of AMR. Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health Jakob Forssmed is responsible for the issue of AMR in the government.

Published 16 November 2022 · Article from Jakob Forssmed, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Enhanced cooperation with the World Health Organisation on the agenda

On Wednesday 19 October, recently appointed Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health Jakob Forssmed hosted a meeting at the Government Offices with Regional Director for Europe Dr Hans Kluge of the World Health Organisation (WHO). At the meeting, they discussed current topics such as efforts to combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR), sexual and reproductive health, and how to enhance bilateral cooperation between Sweden and the WHO.

Published 21 October 2022 · Article from Jakob Forssmed, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Sweden's ambassador for work against antimicrobial resistance

In 2022, Malin Grape was appointed as Sweden's first AMR Ambassador to further strengthen global efforts against antimicrobial resistance.

Published 17 October 2022 · Article from Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Lena Hallengren decides to step down

On the 6 October, Minister for Health and Social Affairs Lena Hallengren decided to step down from her post. She will leave the Government and take up her seat in the Riksdag. Ms Hallengren will be the new Group Leader of the Social Democratic Party in the Riksdag.

Published 07 October 2022 · Press release from Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Dialogue for change - supporting material for policy dialogue on sexual and reproductive health and rights

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